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In re the Application of:

Shuji SAITOH et al.

Serial Number: 09/147,052

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: April 5, 1999

Examiner: HINES, J.

For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR,  
RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 5, 2002

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows.

A marked-up version of the amendments is included in this response.

A request for continued examination, a petition for a two-month extension of the response period and the requisite fee therefor are submitted concurrently herewith.